have already accepted in principle the recommendations made by the National Transport Policy Committee to phase out gradually the existing freight equilisation on commodities like cement and steal subject to subsidisation of transport for remote, inaccessible and isolated areas. The concerned Ministries are working out the modalities of phasing out freight equilisation. There is no freight equalisation for coal. The "telescopic" rates which the Railway's charge is a well established principle in railway rating and is based on the reduction of over-head expenses (like terminal charges) per unit with increase in distance. This applies to the movement of all commodities by rail and not merely to coal.

Utilization of productive capabilities of the National Research Laboratories by the public sector

953. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to an expert study held by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research the public sector enterprises have failed to make full use of the productive capabilities of the National Research Laboratories before opting for foreign collaboration in a number of cases;

(b) if so, what are those cases; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No Sir. Wherever feasible, Public Sector Enteprises have utilised CSIR processes.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Release of Shri Adil Shaharyar from U. S. prison

954. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR
SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy in U.S. had given some assurance to the U.S. Government in exchange of the release of Shri Adil Shaharyar, an Indian citizen who was convicted and sentenced for a period of 35 years; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Raising of battalions for curbing communal riots

955. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of battalions, raised particularly to control and curb communal riots;

(b) whether these battalions have been deployed in curbing recent communal riots;

(c) what is the representations of minorities and weaker sections of the society in these battalions in terms of percentage; and

(d) whether Government have decided to raise the amount of compensation to be paid to the dependents of those killed in riots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Six battalions of CRPF were raised to function as Special Peace Keeping Force for deployment in connec-